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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

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Ref: (a) COMNAVSEASYSKOM 150405Z JUN 01
(b) NAVSEAINST 4130.12 Series, Configuration Management Policy
(c) CINCLANTFLT/CINCPACFLT Instruction 4720.3A, Management of Afloat Combat Systems and C4I Installations and Improvements
(d) Warfare Systems Guidance and Policy Paper No.99-05
(e) Ship Configuration and Logistic Support Information System (SCLSIS) Technical Specification 9090-700 Series

Encl (f) Software Configuration Prototype Workshop, NAVSURFWARCENDIV PHD, 5/6 June 2001
(1) Software Configuration Status Accounting
(2) Priority Tactical Systems -Platforms, Software Support Activities (SSAs) and In-Service Engineering Activities (ISEAs) Information
(3) Detailed Data Requirements List and Sample Format

1. Reference (a) mandates the use of Configuration Data Managers Database -Open Architecture (CDMD-OA) by all applicable NAVSEA activities and affiliated Program Executive Offices as the single central repository for all non-nuclear NAVSEA and PEO ship configuration data. Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEASYSKOM) 04L is responsible for developing and maintaining life cycle Configuration Management Policy and procedures for ships, systems and equipment in the U.S. Navy as stated in reference (b). In conjunction with the Battle Force Interoperability (BFI) certification process established by reference (c) and the Software Quality Improvement (SQI) Program established by reference (d), NAVSEA 04L has developed a standardized process to document, schedule, and track software configurations. The process is integrated with that of the current hardware configuration accounting for Hull, Machinery and Electrical (HM&E), Combat, Command, Control, Communications,

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Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Systems aboard all U. S. Navy ships. References (b) and (e) have always required configuration management of systems and components (hardware and software); however, to date, the centralized process has primarily addressed hardware configuration management. Reference (f) was the software prototype workshop held 5/6 June 2001 at Port Hueneme, California. The proposed software configuration procedures and processes were reviewed by the Software Support Activities (SSAs), In-Service Engineering Activities (ISEAs), and Configuration Data Managers (CDMs) associated with the ships and systems included in the initial prototype CM process. Attendees discussed the impact and feasibility of this process with regard to their respective areas of responsibility. Concurrence was reached regarding the procedures and processes as well as the software reporting levels and data elements required.

2. Per direction of reference (a), NAVSEA is now including software configuration data to gain a complete and accurate record of installed configuration data on ships and at training facilities in a single shared data environment resident in CDMD-OA. The establishment of software baselines will assist in the identification and resolution of interoperability issues and ensure software installations receive the appropriate visibility and support. Accordingly, NAVSEA 04L will pilot the initial software configuration management policy and prototype the procedures and processes detailed in enclosure (1) prior to full policy promulgation. Initial policy release to the community and implementation of the prototype will commence using the combat systems identified in enclosure (2), which are tracked by NAVSEA 53 as a part of the Battle Force configuration change control process. In order to limit the scope of this prototype effort, software configuration data requested will be limited to those ships in the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT/USS BATAAN 01 Battle Force.

3. In support of this effort, NAVSEA 04L5 requests that system program managers, their respective Software Support Activities (SSAs) and In-Service Engineering Activities (ISEAs) provide assistance with execution of the prototype program for the capture and recording of the combat systems software configurations aboard ships in the targeted Battle Force. Although we have previously acquired the SSA point of contacts

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from the respective Program Managers, request enclosure (2) be reviewed and that NAVSEA 04L5 be notified of any changes to the SSA POC list within 2 weeks of receipt of this letter. The SSA points of contact that must be listed are the ones actively working the system software at the lowest level. These individuals will interface directly with the designated NAVSEA 04L5 POC listed below.

4. In an effort to assist in capturing software currently installed aboard the designated Battle Force and systems, request data be entered directly into CDMD-OA as specified in enclosure (1) after receiving an X-RIC number by following the procedures outlined in enclosure (3). Data is required not later than 30 days from date of this letter. Upon receipt of XSFT00 numbers, it is incumbent upon all SSA's/ISEA's (as directed by Program Offices) to ensure accuracy and continued maintenance of data entered into CDMD-OA. If an activity does not have qualified CDMD-OA operators, visit the CDMD website - www.cdmd.navy.mil to request training and access.

5. Focused efforts will result in the initial establishment of installed software baselines in the Battle Force which will facilitate future expansion, management and configuration control of all respective activities. Enclosure (1) provides the initial guidance for reporting and tracking software.

6. In addition to this effort, NAVSEA 04L5 is presently investigating and reviewing the current processes used for reporting and recording the status of Software Trouble Reports (STRs). NAVSEA 04L is partnering with NAVSEA 53 to gain leverage and synergize each other's efforts and results. This review is being conducted to determine the feasibility and possible standardization of a process for establishing a central STR repository as an element of CDMD-OA in order to promote rapid STR issue resolution and feedback to the fleet. Additionally, having the information available in CDMD-OA would allow ease of access by NAVSEA Anchor Desk representatives. SEA 04L5 representatives will be contacting various SSAs, ISEAs, and Fleet representatives to determine current policies and procedures for reporting STRs, and to solicit suggestions for establishment of the central repository. In conjunction with this effort, they will also be establishing a proposed standard format for STR reporting and defining data element candidates for CDMD-OA.

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7. Any suggestions, comments or questions on this initiative and associated processes, as well as its execution should be directed to Ed Chergoski, SEA 04L52 at 202-781-3302 email chergoskief@navsea.navy.mil or Ms. Donna Caroline Kowalsky, SEA 04L526, at (703) 801-1249 email kowalskydc@navsea.navy.mil. Request widest dissemination of this letter.



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